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FOR MS.BONNIE BEALL FOSTER, 2800 DUMBARTON AVENUE,N.W.,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. TEL 202 234 7267.

CASUALTY MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES, SZ (GINGERICH, WILLIAM FRANCIS)  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF WILLIAM FRANCIS GINGERICH

REF: STATE 150166

FROM GENEVA BRANCH OFFICE CONSUL

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF  
THE DEATH OF YOUR FRIEND MR. WILLIAM FRANCIS GINGERICH.  
THE CANTONAL HOSPITAL IN GENEVA INFORMED THE GENEVA  
CONSULAR BRANCH OFFICE ON JUNE 13,1978 OF HIS DEATH ON  
JUNE 12,1978 IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.

2. MR.GINGERICH LISTED YOU TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF  
EMERGENCY IN HIS U.S. PASSPORT.

3. THE CONSULAR BRANCH OFFICE IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND  
WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE  
TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

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4. REGRETFULLY,I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED  
TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL  
BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN  
48 HOURS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR FRIEND'S  
REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO,PREPARATION  
AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO WASHINGTON,D.C. WOULD

COST DOLS 4220.-; CREMATION AND SHIPMENT BY AIR TO U.S.  
DOLS 1030.-; IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS DOLS 1280.-;  
THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS DOLS 1180.- ALL OF  
THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE  
FOLLOWING ACTION:

A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO  
AMERICAN CONSULAR BRANCH OFFICE AT GENEVA, SWITZERLAND,  
AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE.  
STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND  
BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL  
HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY  
THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS AT GENEVA PAYABLE TO AMERICAN  
CONSULAR BRANCH OFFICE GENEVA.

C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S.  
YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT  
MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS  
WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.  
WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 4 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED  
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FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS  
IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL  
FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED  
BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION  
OF THIS POST BY PHONING (022) 31 70 67 IN GENEVA,  
SWITZERLAND.

8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT  
AMERICAN CONSUL GARY S.BASEK, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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